



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Customer No. : 23911  
  
Title : Automotive Control Apparatus and Method

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2004. A petition for a two (2) month extension of time is being concurrently filed, making a response due on or before March 7, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.